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It is easy to eat gelato and pizza in Sicily, an island well known for its creamy, many-flavored choices of the cold refreshing treat and for its tomato and cheese pies. But, making gelato and pizza from scratch sounds like too much work. For a group of youngsters and their parents, ITT replaced the work with fun...

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NCTSI DET 4 gets leaner and meaner

Story and photos by JO2 Steve Weaver
Staff Writer



OS1 Rob Ortwein operates an Air Defense System Integrator (ADSI) at NCTSI DET 4. Above the ADSI is the Joint Range Extender (JRE). Both are new equipment for the unit.

The Navy Center for Tactical Systems Interoperability Detachment Four (NCTSI DET 4) stationed at Naval Air Station Sigonella, is breaking out of its shell to become a leaner and meaner Tactical, Mobile and Deployable Command and Control (C2) hub.

NCTSI DET 4 satisfies forward deployed theater C2 information exchange requirements as a Joint Interface Control Officer's (JICO) Cell Deployable (JICC-D). It is comprised of Joint Multi-Tactical Digital Information Link (TDL) experts, support personnel, and equipment capable of providing stand-alone JICO cell functionality. NCTSI DET 4 is a C2 information hub capable of simultaneous support to Joint Task Force Commanders and component commanders conducting operations at the tactical, operational and strategic levels of command.

"The objective is to take a forward deployed capability to the center of a theater some place, drop us in there, establish an information surveillance sharing network and keep that information sharing tactical," Troyanos said, "but also take that tactical picture and push that out and up to the operational level of command."

The detachment has recently upgraded their capabilities and is switching from a system called the Mobile Universal Link Translator System (MULTS), which is an all-in-one Legacy command and control (C2) system aboard large humvee vehicles, to individual systems carried in hardened travel boxes. DET 4's new capabilities are called the Joint Interface Control Cell, Deployable (JICC-D).

"Instead of having to use C-5 or C-130 cargo planes, if it's a small mission, we can pack it up onto a C-26 or a C-9 or whatever they have available that will take us where we need to go," said OS1 Jon Dimauro. "Now we're getting more mobile, it's a lot easier. So instead of taking a whole truck where you only need one box that's in that truck, now we take just the equipment we need."

This transformation is part of a Commander, Naval Forces Europe transformation vision for DET 4. "That vision was to increase our capability to at least parallel what the other services are doing with ashore C2 information exchange systems," said Lt. John Troyanos, NCTSI DET 4 NCTSI, page 16



Sigonella celebrates National Night Out

Story and Photos by
JO2 Allison Pittam
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On Aug. 3, Marinai Housing Community Center, and NAS Sigonella's (NASSIG)'s Crime Prevention Office held the 21st annual National Night Out (NNO), an event that first began in 1980, to heighten awareness, strengthen participation in local anticrime efforts, and build neighborhood camaraderie.

In 2004, more than 34 million people in over 10,000 communities from each of the 50 United States, U.S. territories, Canadian cities, and military bases such as NASSIG will participate in this event, held the first Tuesday in August to, "Take a bite out of Crime," the popular saying of 24-year-old 'McGruff the Crime Dog.'

For Chief Master-at-Arms (select) Joe Allen, who joined NASSIG in 2001, this year's event was an opportunity to involve as many base commands and community members as possible. "It's about getting neighbors out and meeting each other," Allen said. He also added that the base competes with other major military installations all over the world for the title of NNO Military Award Winner. "We won the award in 2002 and 2003," Allen said. "We will find out in October which military base won the award this year," he added.

While over an estimated 1,000 people participated in last year's NNO event, Allen believes the addition of a dunk tank, music and a coloring station drew even more people this year. Also,



Ten-year-old Zach Tyler is fitted into an Explosive Ordnance Disposal suit by a member of Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit Eight (EODMU 8) at the 21st Annual National Night Out event held at NAS Sigonella's Marinai Housing Community Center.

on hand at the 21st Annual NNO were personnel from NASSIG's Animal Shelter, Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit Eight (EODMU 8), Emergency Medical Team, Fire Fighting Department, Italian Carabinieri

and Police. Refreshments were served by members of the NASSIG Security Department.

Jenny Hoehn, who has lived in the Marinai community for just two weeks, took advantage of the convenience of

NASSIG's Animal Shelter to fulfill her love of pets. "I have dogs back home and I miss them. Finally I went to the shelter today and adopted her," Hoehn said of the black and white 'mutt' that

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Skipper's Direct Line

Capt. Joe Stuyvesant
NASSIG
Commanding Officer

I have been making my rounds to the various departments and tenant commands on base. I am impressed to see the commitment of the Sailors, local nationals and GS civilians to the base. Everyone is working hard and doing a great job to complete the mission of the base.

In the last few weeks, I held two town hall meetings to discuss housing issues with the residents of Mineo, Marina, Gli Ulivi (205), and the other housing areas. We are committed to working through these issues with you and getting you an answer to your specific questions and concerns. You may not always like the answer we come up with, but you are entitled to get that answer along with an explanation. I believe we have solved the temporary water problems in the housing areas. I know that Sandra Peterson and the rest of her staff in Housing are working daily to ensure that you are provided a great quality of service and base housing experience.

I also met with the E-4 and below about the potential of a midnight curfew. I heard your suggestions on liberty cards, volunteer bus programs, mentoring programs, extended MWR facility hours, and we are looking to institute several of your suggestions as early as this week-end. I know you do not want me to impose the curfew and as I stated last week, it's all up to you. How I see you act, behave and of course, drive over the next month will show me your commitment to this base and each other. I remain convinced that the solution to our problem is peer-to-peer leadership. You are there with your shipmates at those critical moments when a bad decision is made. This is the point that you can choose to act and prevent a problem or look the other way. It starts and ends with you. Actions definitely speak louder than words...so it's your turn to step up to the plate and show me that you can handle the responsibility to take care of yourselves.

Albert Schweitzer once said, "example is not the main thing in influencing others, it is the only thing."

Set the example. Live up to the Navy standards of honor, courage and commitment. Show me that you are committed to what we should be doing. As always, I will continue to listen to your suggestions on how we can all improve the quality of life and quality of service for our Shipmates and families.

HEALTHWATCH

Chicken pox, why it is so contagious

HM1 Robert Glass, USNHS

Many of you out there may recall being locked away in the house as a child and missing school for two weeks. Remember why? Most likely it was chicken pox! That's right, chicken pox. That great virus that let us watch all of those reruns of *Gilligan's Island* as we forgot about homework.

But what is chicken pox? Chicken pox is a disease caused by exposure to a highly contagious virus. If you or your child has chickenpox, then the exposure to the virus occurred 14 to 16 days earlier.

The following are signs and symptoms to be aware of:

- multiple small, red bumps that become thin-walled water blisters; then cloudy blisters or open sores; and finally dry brown crusts (all within 24 hours)

- repeated crops of these sores for four to five days

- sores or crusts that are usually less than ¼ inch across

- rash that is on all body surfaces, but usually starts on head and back
- some sores possibly in the mouth, eyelids, and genital area
- fever (unless the rash is mild).

What must be done if you go to the hospital without making prior arrangements? This is extremely important. Please make every valid attempt possible to contact the hospital before arrival. If there is a chance you could be infected, do not enter the building. This will help prevent you from infecting other patients. After making contact during normal business hours, a staff member will meet you in front of the hospital and assist you into a room within the hospital that has appropriate ventilation. After calling the Emergency Department (ED) outside of normal business hours, a staff member will meet you just outside of the ED where the ambulances are parked to ensure adequate measures will be taken to prevent transmission of the virus. Remember to call first!

Some of you out there may have heard that chicken pox can be prevented. There is a chicken pox vaccine that is available. Most physicians recommend this vaccine for all children who haven't had the chicken pox. It can be given at any time after 12 months of age. Children up to 12 years old need just a single injection. Two injections four to eight weeks apart are recommended for adolescents over 12 and adults who have never had chicken pox.

What should be done if you or your child is suspected of having chicken pox?

It is advised that you call your Health Care Provider immediately. During normal business hours you can contact the Ambulatory Care Clinic at 624-4622. Outside of normal business hours contact the Emergency Department (ED) at 624-3844.



CRIMESTOPPER'S HOTLINE
624-6389

Aug. 2 — Aug 8

The following incidents were reported and categorized as follows:

- Traffic accidents without injuries - 9
- Traffic accident with injuries - 3
- Car break-ins - 0
- DUI - 0
- DUTS 2004 - 17
- DUTS 2003 - 58

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'Earn thousands at home' and other mail fraud

By Lt. David Jon Volkin, Legal Assistance Attorney

In newspapers and magazines you may receive, there are ads that say "Earn hundreds in your spare time" or "Easy money, just call today." In these situations it pays to be cautious. Although there are many legitimate work at home programs, many are frauds.

Many of these ads do not tell you that you may have to work many hours without pay or have hidden costs. One common scheme is to have you spend your own money on envelopes, stamps, ad placements, or on photocopies. The company may also demand that you make more

payments for further instructions.

Another situation is where a company sells you materials to make products for XYZ company. You buy all the materials and no matter how good you make the product, they will always be returned as unsatisfactory and you end up trying to sell them yourself.... for the cost of the materials.

You can protect yourself from these schemes. If the program is legitimate, then the company should tell you, for free and in writing, what is involved. Some questions you may want to ask this potential employer include the following: What tasks will I have to perform? Will I be paid

salary or commission? Who will pay me? When will I receive my first paycheck and what is the total cost of the program including materials and fees?

If you feel that you have been caught by a fraudulent or scamming company, call the Legal Assistance Office (624-5258) for an appointment as soon as possible. Make sure you bring all the documents the company gave you to your appointment. And remember, many of these people who claim to have made lots of money... they made their money by taking it from the innocent people who answered their ad.

CNO calls for accelerated R&D, acquisition processes

By JOC Walter T. Ham IV, Chief of Naval Operations Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) — Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Vern Clark challenged Navy and defense industry leaders to help speed up the acquisition process and get new technology to the fleet and to the fight faster, during his Aug. 5 address to the Naval Industry Research and Development Partnership Conference.

"What I've come to believe is that speed will be more important in the battlespace in the future than it ever has been in the past," the CNO said. "When we think about future warfare, we must think, first and foremost, about speed. I also think that we've got to talk about speed in the marketplace."

"If you can't get to the fight fast, you're not going to be relevant," he said. "Speed of response? Yes. Speed of decision? To be sure."

Clark said the Navy's Sea Power 21 vision has matured since he outlined it at the same conference two years ago, but he added "there are always those who would like to see the ideas mature faster, and I'm

among them."

Sea Power 21 is not an end state, the CNO noted, but a framework to create a post-Industrial Age Navy capable of delivering the right capabilities to the right place at the right time in response to Information Age threats.

"Sea Power 21 laid out an ideal, and the global war on terrorism, I believe, has identified the requirement," the CNO said.

To get these Sea Power 21 capabilities to the fleet more quickly, Clark said the Navy and its industrial partners need to capture innovations in science and technology and move them into research and development more quickly. He called the Silver Fox Unmanned Aerial Vehicle and Littoral Combat Ship victories in the speed of acquisition.

With the nation at war, the stakes couldn't be higher as the Navy combats terrorism around the globe, he concluded.

"We're in a fight for our lives, and we're going to be in this for a long time," he said. "I'm absolutely convinced that 30 years from now, we're going to look back on this period,

and we're going to call this one of the most important times in our history."

"I believe that our challenge is clear. We face a determined enemy," Clark said. "But you know, they were surprised that they got a hold of a determined enemy. We're not only resilient, we're determined — and this is a fight that we're not going to lose."

NAS Sigonella Worship Opportunities

Catholic Mass
Saturday 5 p.m. Chapel (NAS II)
Sunday 9 a.m. Chapel (NAS I)
Sunday 9 a.m. in Italian 41*
Stormo Chapel (NAS II)
Sunday 11 a.m. Community Center (Mineo)

Protestant Traditional Service
Sunday 11 a.m. Fellowship Hall (NAS I)

Protestant Worship
Sunday 9 a.m. Community Center (Mineo)
Sunday 10:45 a.m. Chapel (NAS I)

United Pentecostal Church, International
Sunday Noon Chapel, (NAS II)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Sunday 1 p.m. Chapel (NAS I)

Church of Christ
Sunday 3:30 p.m. Chapel (NAS I)

Jewish Shabbat Service
Last Friday of the month 5 p.m. Chapel (NAS I)

Muslim Jumuah
Friday 12:30 p.m. Chapel (NAS I) Classroom

Weekdays
Catholic Mass 4:30 p.m. Monday & Tuesday
11:30 a.m. Thursday & Friday (NAS I)
Monday thru Thursday at 11:30 a.m. (NAS II)
Wednesday Protestant Bible Study
4:45 p.m. (NAS II Chapel)
5 p.m. (NAS I Chapel)
For more details, call 624-4295 or 624-9049.

"Dewey Cheatum and How"



By Joseph Carlos Command Chaplain

Would you describe yourself as a person of integrity? On a scale of one to 10, where would you mark yourself in the area of honor? Perhaps I'm naive, but I like to think that most Sailors would rightfully and honestly identify themselves as people with a strong sense of honor and integrity. If we tell a shipmate that we'll help him with something on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon, then we'll be there, or let him know why. If we borrow money, on payday we return what we borrowed. If we sign a lease with a landlord, we pay the agreed to amount each month on a particular day. And if we owe the electric company or the phone company x number of euros, then we pay the bills that we owe. Or do we cheat them and how? There is usually a percentage of people, in any group, who think outside the box morally. Maybe "psychopathic" is too strong?

Some Sailors, a small percentage, give us all a black eye by leaving Sigonella with bills unpaid — bills for electricity, telephone, gas. Sometimes landlords have to wait a couple months for their money, but they seldom get "burned" the way the utility

companies do. Two to three Sailors a month get on the CATB proud of the fact that they have swindled ENEL or AGIP or the phone company — or even all three. So far this year the largest bill, gone unpaid, was for 1,000 euros. Some might say, that's not going to break a big utility company. And that's true. What if more shipmates develop devious plans to steal service from the companies, depriving them of what is rightfully and morally theirs? Perhaps ENEL will charge future Sailors, assigned to Sigonella, a hefty security deposit when they sign up for utilities because Sailors can't be trusted to pay their bills.

The Navy has paid these thieves a tax-free monthly allowance so they can pay for housing and recurrent utilities. The criminals have used the electricity and/or made phone calls in their domiciles. The question is not whether or not the utility company provided the service; rather the issue is a person's financial responsibility in paying bills they have incurred. What would justify a person not paying the bills?

If you know of a Sailor or spouse, who is bragging about cheating ENEL or the phone company, or even their landlord, please clip this article and show it to them. Let them know the kind of moral degenerate he or she is. Make them aware that you are angry because their behavior reflects badly on the Navy, which means YOU.

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NAVY NEWS

Sailors needed for occupational surveys

By Lt. Susan Henson, Naval Personnel Development Command Public Affairs

NORFOLK, Va. (NNS) — Sailors still have time to complete occupational task surveys concerning how they perform their Navy jobs and help shape the future of individual ratings and specialties.

The Navy Manpower Analysis Center (NAVMAC), in coordination with the Naval Personnel Development Command's Learning Centers, is conducting the surveys, which are available for many ratings on Navy Knowledge Online (NKO) at www.nko.navy.mil.

The survey results will allow the Navy to validate occupational data - the actual work Sailors perform - with the goal of capturing the tasks and associated jobs in each rating and specialty. By doing so, the Navy will gain a broader picture of the work Sailors perform, and the NAVMAC team will be able to identify similar functions and consolidate training, saving money as a result.

"It's extremely important for Sailors to participate so that there can be an accurate collection of information. The collected data affects the future of the Navy and how the Navy will classify the workforce of the future," said Lt. Cmdr. Brian Willemssen, program manager, NAVMAC Occupational Standards at Navy Manpower Analysis Center in Millington, Tenn. "Currently, the Navy defines work only associated with ratings. Using the data developed through the survey, we will be able to define all Navy work, irrespective of rating."

Since being announced in April, thousands of Sailors have logged onto their Learning Center page on NKO to complete their surveys, spending about 30 to 45 minutes on each. To participate, Sailors need to have been serving in their rating for 90 days or more, and should select jobs that most closely correlate to their current assignment. Individuals serving in specialty jobs will complete only specialty surveys, not those of their source ratings. These include instructor duty and Recruit Division Commander, for

example.

While several rating surveys are still open, several have closed, including Legalman, Master-at-Arms and Explosive Ordnance Disposal/Navy Diver. Occupational data for these ratings has already been validated, meaning NAVMAC now can fully identify the jobs associated with these ratings. That is the next step in matching specific Sailors with specific skills to specific jobs, vice assigning Sailors based on rating alone.

"Because of these surveys, the Navy's current Occupational Standards will be revamped. The data will provide us the means to define a job structure compliant with industry best practices, providing common ground to map military work with comparable commercial work," said Willemssen. "What that means for Sailors is that it will help to track their progress throughout their careers and to make their service time more closely correlate with the private sector."

While many Sailors have completed surveys, Willemssen said NAVMAC needs even more participation.

"I can't emphasize enough the importance of completing these surveys," he said. "I realize this takes time out from busy schedules, but these surveys will provide validated occupational data, which is the foundation for the Navy's move toward the HR System that will be used in the future."

Commands with limited Internet access can obtain surveys on CD from the respective Learning Center. For technical difficulties, NAVMAC has set up a help desk (7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Central, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays). If calling after hours, individuals are encouraged to leave a voice message or an email including their name, command and contact information, as well as a description of the issue. Help desk representatives are Senior Chief Hospital Corpsman (SW) Clyde Fischer; e-mail: clyde.fischer@navy.mil (901) 874-6372 (DSN 882) and Linda Blackmon; e-mail: linda.blackmon@navy.mil phone: (901) 874-6353 (DSN 882).

CARAT Exercise series concludes with closing of Philippines phase

By JOC Melinda Larson, Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training Task Group Public Affairs

SUBIC BAY, Philippines (NNS) — The 2004 edition of the Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) exercise series ended Aug. 4 with the closing ceremony of the Philippines phase.

"Through each and everyone's cooperative efforts, this exercise we have just completed will, without question, serve to strengthen and reinforce the importance and relevance of conducting CARAT Philippines in the future," said Capt. Buzz Little, commander of Destroyer Squadron 1 and the CARAT Task Group, during his closing ceremony remarks.

CARAT is a series of bilateral military exercises held annually throughout Southeast Asia that began in 1995 by combining a number of existing exercises to be



Members assigned to the Philippine Naval Special Warfare Group (SWAG) Nine One crouch low and move together on the deck aboard USS Fort McHenry (LSD 43) during an inport maritime boarding event.

sequentially by a single U.S. Navy task group. CARAT Singapore was conducted from May 31-June 11 while CARAT Brunel took place from June 21-26. The 10-day CARAT Thailand phase ended July 9. CARAT Malaysia was performed from July 12-22. The CARAT Task Group ships arrived in the Philippines July 27 for the final phase of the CARAT series.

CARAT Philippines included numerous milestones, including the presence of two of the most advanced platforms in the world - the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyers USS Russell (DDG 59) and USS McCampbell (DDG 85). The destroyers were key during at-sea tactical evaluations.

"The CARAT Task Group had the honor to welcome aboard Philippine Navy sailors and officers who not only had the chance to observe up close the joint tactical free play, but also the opportunity to share ideas and learn Carat, page 14

Sexual Assault Victim Intervention

SAVI offers a Sexual Assault Hotline staffed with trained Advocates who man the SAVI Hotlines 24/7. The number is 335-642-8312 or 335-606-6146.

Spouse employment and volunteering

Adapted for Sigonella from an article from LifeLines written by Ann Wells

Every year, volunteers donate millions of hours in workplaces across the nation. Volunteers are a driving force in today's professional environment - yet employers, employees and job seekers alike often overlook volunteer work.

Volunteer Work Is Real Work

Mothers who work as the treasurer of a school's PTA are performing real bookkeeping and accounting functions. Spouses who volunteer as financial counselors at the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society act in the same capacity as paid financial counselors. Individuals who volunteer to teach adult literacy are providing the same services as paid teachers. Volunteer work is real work and should be considered in the same light as a paying job.

Where To Go For Help

If you are not sure how to accurately describe your volunteer service, there are several resources available to assist you. Make an appointment to review your résumé with Dave Patrocky, our Spouse Employment Assistance Program (SEAP) Specialist at the Fleet & Family Support Center (FFSC). Career reference manuals, like the Dictionary of Occupational Titles, contain detailed descriptions of thousands of jobs and services. Dave will help you Look up the type of volunteer work you are performing and find ideas to accurately describe that work on your résumé. He will also review sample résumés available in career reference manuals. This will help you determine the résumé style best suited to your needs.

Sell Yourself

Once you have made it through the résumé process, it is time to focus on the interview. Dave will help you do this. Before your interview, sit down with him and have him help you describe your experience verbally. The goal will be to help you answer questions about your previous experience, in the affirmative and describe your achievements in terms like these:

• "I have been working as a volunteer at our local credit counseling office. I have worked with more than 40 families to get them out of debt."

• "As a volunteer, I have been creating my church bulletins for the last four years, using a variety of desktop publishing software. My writing, editing and publishing skills are very strong."

• "I have decided to become a teacher as a direct result of teaching adults to read for two years as a volunteer."

Volunteer work is an excellent opportunity to share your skills while simultaneously maintaining a professional life. The SEAP program at the FFSC is here to help you define your all of your experience in preparation for your job search. Please call Dave Patrocky at 624-4291 for an appointment; or stop by the FFSC (we're in the same building as Housing at NAS I) and begin the process immediately.

EA-6B Prowler wing center section deliveries ahead of schedule

From Naval Air Systems Command Program Executive Office for Tactical Aircraft

PATUXENT RIVER, Md. (NNS) — The Northrop Grumman Corporation recently delivered to the U.S. Navy the 75th EA-6B Prowler aircraft wing center section more than five months ahead of schedule. The delivery on July 29 was a milestone in the Navy's plan to replace wing center sections on its fleet of high demand, carrier-based electronic attack aircraft.

The EA-6B's wing center section is the wing assembly of the aircraft that extends from wing-fold to wing-fold. The wing-folds allow the Prowler's wing tips to be folded so that the aircraft can be stored close together on aircraft carriers.

"This 75th wing delivered nearly six months early represents all the hard work our government and industry team is doing to return the Prowler fleet to full strength as rapidly as possible," said NAVAIR EA-6B Program Manager Capt. Ken Smolana.

Northrop Grumman's work replacing Prowler wing center sections began in 1994. Of the 75 wing center section units produced so far, 69 were manufactured in St. Augustine, while the first six were built in Calverton, N.Y.

"Northrop Grumman's focused and persistent application of Lean and other manufacturing practices has allowed it to deliver 58 consecutive wing center sections ahead of schedule," said Patricia McMahon, vice president and leader of the company's Electronic Warfare Programs Integrated Product Team. "This achievement is not an extraordinary effort. It's what we do day-to-day. Our job is to ensure that the nation's warfighters have the equipment they need, when they need it, to fight the war on terrorism. We just keep looking for ways to do our job better."

EA-6B Prowlers are the only tactical electronic attack capability in the U.S. inventory.

News Briefs

SDS new student orientation

Stephen Decatur Secondary School will hold new Student Orientation on Thursday, Sept. 2 at 9 a.m. in the Information Center for grades 6 through 12. For more information call 624-4282.

DECA low carb products

DeCA has responded to the low-carb phenomenon by increasing the selection of low-carb products in many stores. Available now in larger commissaries are special low-carb sections that feature reduced-carbohydrate sauces, pastas, baking mixes, breads, salad dressings, breakfast foods and energy bars.

MWR Jobs Available

MWR is hiring for the following jobs:

1. Daytime warehouse materials handlers (need to hire right away)
 2. Auto Skills Center Rec Aids (need to hire right away)
 3. Certified lifeguards
 4. Youth and teen center Rec Aids
 5. Child care Education Aids.
- Flexible hours. Call the MWR Personnel Office at 624-2385/2560.

Budgeting for baby

Sign up for the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society's Budget for Baby class held on Aug. 23 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Fleet and Family Service Center ICR Room. Learn how to budget for your upcoming arrival and receive a Jr. Seabag. Classes fill up fast. Call NMRCSS at 624-4212 to sign up.

Attention youth soccer players

Soccer players ages (10-12) male and female.

Anyone interested in playing competitive soccer this fall is asked to contact Jim Burke at 624-5116(W) or 624-0214(H) for further details.

Advancement exam study sessions

The NASSIG First Class Association is sponsoring "Military Requirements" advancement exam study sessions now through Aug. 26 at Bldg. 562 (adjacent the NAS I1 ballfield). PO3's on Tuesdays from 4 to 5 p.m., PO2's on Wednesdays from 4 to 5 p.m., and PO1's Thursdays from 4 to 5 p.m. Open to anyone preparing for the Navy-wide advancement exams.

The Energy Block

Recycling is the process in which waste is returned to raw materials and made into new products. Recycling is important because while the world's population keeps creating lots of garbage, we are quickly running out of places to put it. I want you to take some time out and look around your workplace. What materials do you think are biodegradable, or can be broken down and recycled? Using recycled material also helps us conserve natural resources, such as forestlands. Each American, on average, generates 3.5 pounds of waste daily, and almost half of this is paper waste. In addition to writing paper, paper products include computer printouts, folders, facial tissues, toilet paper, and paper cups and napkins. Some of these products may contain recycled fiber, but most are still made from the wood pulp of newly cut trees.

You can conserve paper, and save energy and money, in a variety of ways. You can conserve paper by duplexing, or imaging both sides of a sheet of paper. Avoid cover sheets, use thinner paper, use the back of used paper for scratch paper and note paper, use better equipment and software to preview documents, and manage more information electronically. Before you print always remember to proof read, so you won't need to reprint it because of a few typos. Use the print preview feature to ensure that what you are about to print is exactly what you need to print. Paper can also be made out of materials other than wood. Some papers are being made out of wheat straw, recycled paper, and the sugarcane and kenaf plant. The kenaf plant is a good alternative to paper because each kenaf crop can be harvested in about five months.

As opposed to 14 to 17 years it takes for the pine trees used to make paper to reach a harvesting point.

*DID YOU KNOW: If 100,000 people stopped their junk mail, we could save about 150,000 trees every year.

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16 First American battleship, Texas, commissioned, 1895	17 TAP Retirement FFSC Bldg 562 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 624-4291	18 Catania History I, St Agata Festival & Fireworks ITT Call 624-4777	19 9-Ball Pool Tournament The Crater Pub Call 624-4321	20 Naval Reserve Force established, 1916	21 Taormina & Alcantara Gorge ITT Call 624-4777	22 Babysitter Training Red Cross 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 624-4900
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30 Lipari Express ITT Call 624-4777	31 Cooking Class FFSC Bldg 319 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 624-4291	1 National Kid Day Celebration 205 Youth Center 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	2 Formal Japanese surrender ending World War II signed, 1945	3	4	
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Night Out from page 1

was barely more than a handful. She had heard about the event from a friend and was looking forward to it. "I like it, it's a nice way to meet the other people that live here," she added.

Suddenly, the quiet neighborhood was brought alive by the sounds of fire trucks, emergency response vehicles and police sirens as the event officially began with a parade of eight different emergency response vehicles. While the noise was deafening at times, it drew the neighbors out of their houses to watch the vehicles moving among the streets of the community.

Information Systems Technologist 1st Class Christopher Payne, of Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station (NAVCOMTELSTA), who has lived in the community since March 2003, was one of the many neighbors who came out to see what it was all about. "So far it's very good [the parade], so the kids aren't scared of the sirens and fire trucks. That they know they are a good thing. I can sit back and talk to the kids about it," said Payne of his daughters, four-year-old Ashley and three-year-old Aliyah.

Once the emergency vehicles had traveled the streets of the Marínai neighborhood, NASSIG's Commanding Officer, Capt. Joe Stuyvesant and other community leaders presented cake and cupcakes to the crowd of youngsters. While everyone loves cake, this was arguably not the highlight of the evening as soon after the night's events got really hot.

The heat came from NASSIG's Fire Department who demonstrated their newest training tool, the Mobile Aircraft Fire Trainer (MAFT). With two fire fighters in fire protection clothing ready with a fire hose, the MAFT was set afire by remote control from a trailer nearby. The

demonstration was part of an effort to increase community awareness of both emergency response elements and the importance of fire prevention. "We're here to show the community what we do on a day-to-day basis. We're mainly here for fire prevention," said Aviation Boatswain's Mate, 2nd Class Leonard Starr, who manned the fire hose during the MAFT demonstration.

Another showstopper of the evening was a demonstration by Security's Military Working Dogs (MWD) and their four handlers who showed the crowd just how to stop a crime at the front gate as they subdued two other MWD handlers acting as the 'bad guys'.

Tyler Zach and his sister Charlotte had the opportunity to discover just how safe they were living on the Marínai base after watching the Military Working Dogs. "Don't try to steal anything," was Tyler's suggestion to any potential criminals. "It was really exciting to see the attack dogs in action," he added.

Charlotte, who watched the military working dog demonstration with her dad and brother, said, "I liked when the dogs jumped on him," referring to the simulation of a terrorist's failed attempt to attack the base. Twelve-year-old Charlotte also enjoyed the evening's activities saying, "I'm really glad they had this event here in my neighborhood."

Later Tyler had a chance to experience a taste of what his dad does in EODMU 8, as volunteers dressed up the ten-year-old in EOD gear.

The event came to an end with three lucky children winning bicycles donated by the First



Twelve-year-old Charlotte Zach is fitted into a parachute by a member of an Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit Eight (EODMU 8) at the 21st Annual National Night Out event held at NAS Sigonella's Marínai Housing Community Center.

Class Security Association and the Security Department.

Finally, as the sun began to set over the Marínai community, Paul Delory, who was one of two volunteers to wear the 'McGruff Crime Dog' costume during the evening's events, summed it up best, "Tonight the Marínai Community took a big bite out of crime." He concluded.



Two-year-old Jo-Jo James and his 11-year-old sister Rosa, share a cupcake at NASSIG's 21st annual National Night Out event held at Marínai.



Kids gather around MAC (sel.) Joe Allen in hopes of winning one of the three bikes donated by the 1st Class Security Association and Security.



By Alberto Lunetta
Signature Staff

Italian News

Sicilian culture and lifestyle

Buccheri and Motta Medieval festivals bring Sicily's heritage and history alive

Experience the sights and sounds of life in the Middle Ages. Two amazing medieval festivals to be held in Buccheri and Motta will bring to life the customs and spirit of the age of chivalry. Travel back in time to revel in the atmosphere of medieval Sicily when this sunny island Sicily was under the Norman, Spanish and Muslim rules. The streets of the city will be crowded with villagers in period costumes, craftsmen, tumblers, minstrels, witches, jugglers and monks to give festival goers a glimpse of medieval lifestyle.

Buccheri Festival

This enchanting Baroque town located on the So theast coast of Sicily whose name comes from the Arab word *Bukir*, (ox breeding) will host a family medieval fun-packed weekend (Aug. 20 through 22). The city itself is very ancient. The original village was founded in the High Middle Ages around the castle. Destroyed by an earthquake in 1693, the town was reconstructed in the 18th century.

"There will be a plethora of events, concerts and shows taking place simultaneously throughout the city in order to give festival goers the chance to fully enter the medieval atmosphere," said Liliana Nigro, the artistic director of the festival.

The *Donne Piriche* group stages a fire-eater and acrobatic show at 9 p.m. in piazza Toselli.

Later, magician *Kundra* entertains festival visitors at 9:30 p.m. with a medieval magic show in piazza Toselli. Stilt walkers perform in piazza Toselli at 10 p.m. An amazing Indian dance show featuring an exotic tribal dancer and percussionist Rashimi Abat is staged in piazza Roma at 11 p.m.

On Aug. 21, an historic parade begins at the St.

Antonio stairs at 6 p.m. accompanied by the Assisi and Buccheri drummers. Streets artists entertain festival goers at 7 p.m. until the breathtaking *Motta Vecchia Matrice* District flag-wavers show is held at 7:45 p.m. in piazza Roma. Later at 8:30 p.m., Celtic music band *Morrigan* performs in piazza Roma while the *Beneandanti* and the *Donne Piriche* stage a spectacular fire-eater and acrobatic show in piazza Toselli.

At 9 p.m., the *Motta Vecchia Matrice* District flag-wavers open a long exciting night of pure medieval entertainment featuring historic reenactments of legends, fire-eating shows, juggling, minstrels and fireworks by the *De Luca* group in piazza Roma (10 p.m.), *Accademia dei Remoti* (10:30 p.m.) and *Compagnia dei Folli* (11 p.m. in piazza Fratti). Magician *Kundra* entertains festival visitors at 10 p.m. with a special medieval magic show for children in via Cameli.

At midnight, make sure you don't miss the supple dance performed in piazza Roma featuring Indian dancer Kaly Kurilit who is accompanied by percussionist Rashim Abat and his group. Meanwhile, ethnlcal and medieval music band *La Lionetta* performs in piazza Fratti.

The last day of the festival (Aug. 22) opens at 6 p.m. in piazza Roma with an historic parade accompanied by drummers and flag-wavers. Later at 8 p.m., the *Trio di Lucifero* entertains spectators with breathtaking fire eaters and acrobatic performances. For the rest of the evening visitors are greeted by authentic medieval music, dance, magic, and minstrelsy, as well as jugglers and jesters featuring the groups that performed the day before. A spectacular fireworks show by the *Vaccalluzzo* brothers (who were awarded as champions of Europe for pyrotechnics competitions) is held in piazza Fratti at midnight. The festival ends at 0:30 a.m. with an ethnlcal and medieval music concert staged in piazza Fratti featuring *La Lionetta* band. For more



From Aug. 20 through 22, Buccheri will host one of the largest celebrations of the Middle Ages in Sicily! Activities and entertainments for the whole family: spectacular grand parades, fire-eaters, jesters, strolling minstrels, acrobats, amazing fireworks, dance and music shows.

information call 0931-873256 or 333-4229731. You can also check with ITT at 624-4777.

Motta Festival

The festival runs from 13 through Aug. 22 and takes place within the three city *Rioni* (districts): *Panzerà* (located along via Vittorio Emanuele and around piazza Umberto), *Vecchia Matrice*, (castle

area) and *Giovani Maestri* (upper part of Motta). Each district has its own schedule of events that include medieval plays and performances, banquets and music starting every evening at 8:30 p.m. Craftsmen, tumblers, minstrels, jugglers and other re-enactors will entertain festivalgoers with shows, dances, demonstrations and games. Every night, a theatrical show telling of the historical personality of the queen Bianca of Navarra is staged at midnight at the *Maestri* district.

On Aug. 22, festival goers can get a chance to go back to an age of chivalry, romance, and royal sporting entertainment as the traditional medieval jousting (*Palio dei Martini*) takes place at the *Maestri* district.

The competition kicks off at 8 p.m. and consist of striking, while galloping a horse, a puppet, which represents a Saracen soldier considered as the devil, then a shot to a mobile target with a spiked stick, shots to rings and eventually javelin throws.

Don't forget that every evening local inns sell medieval food prepared according to the original recipes. Cereal soups, roasted game, *salsiccie* (sausages), *consons*, and local wines are among the specialties that the festival attendees can sample. Schedules are tentative and subject to change. For more information contact the Motta Tourist Office at 095-308161.

Caltagirone stairs illuminated

On Aug. 14 and 15, the three most beautiful stairs of the city's historic center including the majestic *Santa Maria dal Monte* (142 majolica steps), the ones situated in via Cavallotti and via Giuseppe, will be lit by thousands of *coppi* (colored oil lamps or lanterns) at 9:30 p.m. to create a magnificent, original design.

Later in the evening, a music show is held in piazzale dell'Apparizione at 10 p.m.

For more information and detailed schedules regarding summer events call Caltagirone Tourist Office at 0933/ 34191 or 351073.

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Q: How many tiles are there in a 'Scrabble' crossword game?
Q: What is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second?
Q: How many seconds of time are there in a year?
Q: What is Walt Disney's famous mouse, Mickey, known as in Italy?

(Answers on page 17)

Movie Connection

AFN's Theater Schedule

Friday, Aug. 13



6 p.m.
White Chicks
(PG-13)**



8:30 p.m.
The Bourne Supremacy
(PG-13)**



11 p.m.
The Chronicles of Riddick
(R)

Saturday, Aug. 14



3:30 p.m.
Dodgeball
(PG-13)



6 p.m.
The Notebook
(PG-13)**



9:30 p.m.
The Day After Tomorrow
(PG-13)*

Sunday, Aug. 15



1 p.m.
Two Brothers
(PG)



3:30 p.m.
White Chicks
(PG-13)



6 p.m.
I, Robot
(PG-13)

Monday, Aug. 16



6 p.m.
The Bourne Supremacy
(PG-13)



8:30 p.m.
The Notebook
(PG-13)

Theater Closed Tuesdays

Wednesday, Aug. 18



6 p.m.
Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban
(PG)*



9 p.m.
Dodgeball
(PG-13)

Thursday, Aug. 19



6 p.m.
Raising Helen
(PG-13)*



9 p.m.
The Stepford Wives
(PG-13)

Friday, Aug. 20



6 p.m.
Catwoman
(PG-13)**



8:30 p.m.
The Village
(PG-13)**



11 p.m.
The Manchurian Candidate
(R)**

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(All times and movies are subject to change. For more information on the schedule, call the movie hotline at x4248.)

2004 Olympic games available on AFN TV

From Defense Media Center

MARCH AIR RESERVE BASE, Calif. (NNS) — The American Forces Network (AFN) will provide 584 hours of live and recorded 2004 Olympic Games coverage from the NBC family of networks now through Aug. 29.

Coming on the eve of AFN's Sept. 3 launch of two new television services, AFN Family and AFN Movie, AFN is taking advantage of the additional channel capacity to air expanded Olympic coverage.

"We're excited about lighting up the two new channels early," said Larry Marotta, AFN's chief of television. "We'll be able to deliver to our worldwide audience

what amounts to a 50 percent increase from four years ago of Olympic Games broadcasts on AFN."

Viewers with AFN decoders and on base cable systems will be able to see live NBC cable networks (MSNBC and CNBC) Olympic Games coverage on AFN Movie for most of the broadcast day. At the same time, delayed events from Bravo will be rebroadcast on AFN Family at times convenient for regional viewers. The regional AFN Prime services (AFN Atlantic, AFN Pacific and AFN Korea) will simulcast NBC network Olympic Games events live.

AFN Sports will carry live coverage from the USA and MSNBC cable networks.

"Sports fans will have the best of everything in August on AFN Sports," said Tim Mattox, from the AFN sports division. "In addition to the three hours a day of the Olympic Games,

they'll also see regular season major league baseball, NASCAR events, all four days of The PGA Championship, pre-season NFL football, championship boxing, IRL racing and the ESPN SportsCenter editions."

"Special thanks go out to the executives at the International Olympic Committee and NBC Olympics Inc. for supplying AFN with the necessary clearances," said AFN's industry liaison, Tom Weber. "Without their generosity, none of this would be possible."

To accommodate all the Olympic Games coverage, AFN will adjust some of the regular TV schedules.



"We're temporarily moving AFN Atlantic's primetime programming to AFN Spectrum during the two weeks of the

Olympic Games," said Larry Sichter, AFN's chief of affiliate relations. "And, because NBC is not producing the 'Tonight Show with Jay Leno' during the games, we'll start 'The Late Show with David Letterman' an hour earlier."

Much of NBC's live network Olympic Games broadcasting will begin at 6:30 p.m. CET. As a result, the early evening Headline News will move a half-hour earlier to 6 p.m. on AFN Atlantic.

Some events of the Olympic Games begin August 11. The opening ceremony will be Aug. 14, and the Olympic Games end Aug. 29. AFN's Olympic Games schedule is available at www.myafn.net. NBC's schedule of events is available at www.nbcolympics.com.

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AFN Family coming on September 3rd.
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Navy establishes diversity directorate

From Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) — With a clear strategic vision of incorporating diversity into the very fabric of the Navy organization, the Diversity Directorate was established Aug. 2 in a ceremony held outside the Directorate spaces at the Navy Annex.

The new directorate will bolster the Chief of Naval Operations' (CNO) vision to create a sense for everyone that the Navy is committed to their personal growth and development from the moment they begin naval service.

"Leveraging the diversity of all our people makes us more operationally capable by cultivating all our differences...to help us make better decisions...decisions that, in turn, make us more agile, more flexible and more effective," said Vice Adm. Gerry Hoewing, Chief of Naval Personnel. "I am proud of our commitment to diversity and feel strongly that our superb readiness today is the direct result of the time and attention we have devoted to improving it."

With this step, the Navy signals to Sailors and civilians that their diversity is valued for the innovative ideas and unique experiences they bring to the fleet.

"The Diversity Directorate's mission is to assist Navy leaders in creating an environment that encourages and enables our creative and innovative Sailors and civilians to reach their personal and professional potential," said Capt. Syd Abernethy, the new head of the Navy Diversity Directorate in Washington, D.C.

Seeing a direct relationship between diversity and mission readiness, Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Vern Clark added new focus on diversity in his Guidance for 2004. Clark expanded the traditional focus of diversity beyond race and gender, and folded in a Sailor's creativity, culture, ethnicity, religion, skills and talents.

"The advent of new technology and the resultant speed at which lethal decisions are made require more creative and innovative Sailors," Abernethy said.

With retention and recruitment at the highest levels in recent history, the Navy can now afford to focus on shaping the force, ensuring the best-qualified, most diverse candidates are challenged to seek leadership roles in the senior enlisted and officer ranks of the future. To focus on the strategic diversity mission, the Directorate is divided into four working groups: Accessions, Training and Development, Organizational Alignment and Communications.

The Accessions group is determined to ensure that the Navy is presented to the best and brightest potential enlisted and officer candidates available across the entire spectrum of American society. They will seek out highly qualified and skilled candidates, ensuring the Navy is presented to a diverse audience at all academic levels.

The Training and Development group strives to embed the Navy's diversity vision into all Sailor and civilian leadership training and management tools. It seeks to create a culture that values diversity through continuous education and training of Sailors and civilians, promoting individual success through opportunities and access to develop their knowledge, skills and abilities to their fullest potential. The group will track, monitor and assess promotion, advancement, program selections, and retention rates of all Sailors and civilians, and use results as trend indicators and guides for success.

The Organizational Alignment group will develop and maintain an organizational structure that ensures diversity initiatives and programs are integrated and aligned within the Navy. Two examples are the Diversity Senior Advisory Group (DSAG) chaired by the Vice CNO with members from the Navy, industry, academia, and retirees that will act as a standing body of influence to advise our most senior leaders on trends and diversity best practices. The second is the Diversity Fleet Council, with members from across the Navy, who will provide unfiltered feedback on diversity issues and will assist in execution of the Navy's diversity initiatives.

Finally, the Communications Group will inform and educate all Sailors, active and reserve, their families, retirees and Department of the Navy civilians about the current diversity initiatives, programs and opportunities. They will also work to keep the general public, potential recruits, media, and legislative and affiliated groups informed about the Navy diversity programs.

The ceremony marked the beginning of a new strategic focus not the end of a program development. "This is not the end - we can always do better - especially when it comes to sewing diversity into the fabric of our culture, and that's what we are trying to achieve here today," said Hoewing. "This new directorate will bring a new level of awareness to the fleet."



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SPORTS

USA Basketball team plays host to service members

By Journalist 1st Class Mike England, Naval Air Station Jacksonville Public Affairs

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (NNS) — The National Basketball Association (NBA) and USA Basketball invited Jacksonville area active-duty military personnel to a scrimmage between the USA and Puerto Rican men's Olympic basketball teams July 29 at the University of North Florida Arena.

Many NAS Jacksonville Sailors were impressed by the performance of their Olympic team, as well as the NBA and USA Basketball.

"This is an outstanding opportunity to see a lot of great NBA players in action," said Information Systems Technician 1st Class Marcus Murray of NAS Jacksonville's Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department. "I really appreciate that they came out here for us and am honored that they're thinking of us. I only wish that the Sailors deployed overseas could see this, too."

Although it would have been safe to assume that the service members in attendance were rooting for Team USA, there was at least one who supported the Puerto Rican team. Information Systems Technician 2nd Class Juan Alicea-Lopez, a technician at the NAS Jax security manager's office, is a Puerto Rican native who was excited to see his team in action.

"This is a great opportunity to see my home team play," he said. "I think they're doing very well, considering who they're playing."

While the excitement of the service members in attendance was evident, many of the coaches and players were honored to play in front of the special crowd.

"With the support that these men and women are giving our entire country, we believe that what they do is really important," said USA Basketball Assistant Coach Gregg Popovich, a 1970 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy. "It's nice to give them a little time to

think of something different than what their ultimate tasks are when they leave our country and go elsewhere to protect all of us. If we can do anything like this scrimmage to get them to cheer and laugh, it's an honor that we will cherish."

In addition to Thursday's scrimmage, USA Basketball has arranged for their entire six-game "World Tour" of exhibition games against Germany, Serbia & Montenegro, and Turkey in the weeks leading up to the Olympic games in Athens to be distributed via the Armed Forces Network and the U.S. Navy's Direct-to-Ships service. The games will reach approximately 800,000 men and women in the military stationed overseas in 177 countries, and aboard more than 180 Navy ships at sea.

The USA Olympic Basketball team will open the Athens games Aug. 15 with a preliminary round game against Puerto Rico.

Navy football coach Johnson named one of the hot head coaches

Courtesy NavySports.com

Now an annual tradition-American Football Monthly's listing of the season's "hot" coaches is on the market. This summer AFM expanded their listing to 80 coaches-10 at every level from high school to the National Football League-that are primed for success and ready to make a move.

AFM's research staff explored the best and brightest at all levels-high school, Division I-A, Division I-AA, Division II, Division III, NAIA, Junior College, and the National Football League. The results: a complete and comprehensive review of coaches that will be scrutinized and analyzed throughout the fall but are considered the cream of the crop.

"Our research staff looked at coaches at all levels of competition-high school through the NFL," said AFM's Managing Editor Rex Lardner. "We believe this listing includes the top coaches at all levels that are either ready for a breakout year, poised to move up the ranks, or continuing a successful tradition."

In addition to head coaches, offensive and

defensive coordinators as well as position coaches were included in the list.

Johnson led the Midshipmen to eight wins in 2003, matching the number of wins the team had in the previous four seasons combined as his high powered offense helped Navy lead the nation in rushing for the first time in school history. Two of Navy's eight victories came against Air Force and Army, giving Navy the Commander-In-Chief's trophy for the first time since 1981.



Navy football Head Coach Paul Johnson talks to his players during a game.

The Lane

Two-on-two Horseshoe Tournament

Hit the ringers to earn points for your command. Then, chow down on a free barbecue. The fun starts on Aug. 21 at 10 a.m. at the NAS II Ball Field. Call 624-3785 for more information.

Free Tennis Clinic

Sharpen your game with new skills and strategies. Then test your swing at the upcoming NAS Sigonella Tennis Championships. See you on the court. Starts Aug. 23 and runs until Aug. 27. It will be held at the NAS II courts from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Call 624-3785 for more information.

Navy fitness training class

Calling all CFLs/ACFLs and command PT leaders. The Navy fitness training course is offered monthly on NAS I. This class teaches students to train others to use the fitness equipment available in the fitness facilities. Help Aug. 24 and Aug. 25. Call Sandy at 624-4301 for more information.

Captain's Cup swim meet

Swim the fastest to rack up points for your command. Swimmers will be treated to a BBQ, T-shirt and awards will be given. Men's and women's events. The fun is Aug. 14 at 10 a.m. at the NAS II pool. Call 624-4334 or 624-5335 for more information.



Cowboys ride into Catania

By Ensign Chris Crabtree
Staff Writer

Sicily may be 5,000 miles from Texas, but a posse of cowboys has transformed part of Catania into the Old West.

A replica western town has been built near the lighthouse in Catania, complete with a rodeo corral, a saloon, carnival rides and a whole street lined with rustic-looking western shops. Organizers have even brought in an authentic 1840's-era steam locomotive on loan from the F.C.E. Railroad Company to add to the realism. Known as the Western Village, the town will be set-up through August 22 and will feature entertainment nightly.

The shops along the main street sell everything from authentic Native-American crafts to western clothing. At the end of the street, visitors can sample Tex-Mex food in the Plaza Mexico or swagger through the swinging doors of the Texas Saloon.

Don't be surprised if you see a gang of outlaw cowboys pull out their six-shooters and "gun-down" the Sheriff. It's all in good fun though, and you can expect it to happen several times each night.

A mechanical bull near the teepees always draws a crowd of onlookers to watch the amateur 'cowboys' get flung through the air like lifeless rag dolls. Nobody has beaten the 'bull' yet. Even so, there never seems to be a shortage of 'cowboys' looking to settle a score with the big hydraulic beast.

Over in the arena, the real cowboys fair a little better than the amateurs. They are professional rodeo performers from the French American Rodeo Company of France. "They travel throughout Europe organizing rodeos," said Tommaso Rondine, Artistic Director of the

Western Village, "They liked our event because it's the first time such an event has been held in Sicily."

The cowboys perform two shows in the arena each night. The performances include trick riding and roping demonstrations. The first show is primarily a cowboy show and the second show at around midnight depicts a Native-American riding demonstration.

A western village wouldn't be complete without country music and line dancing. A live country band performs the latest country hits each night. This talented group of professionals known as the Appaloosas, performs throughout Italy. A line dancing team called the "Achy Breaky Line Dancers" performs along with the band.

Despite several acres of displays that have the look of a real Western movie set, the village was planned and built in a surprisingly short amount of time. Rondine said, "It took 62 days to organize the Western Village, including 22 days to build it."

According to Rondine, the organizers have been pleased with the success of the Western Village. "We have had as many as 2,300 people in a night," said Rondine. "Friday of course is the largest crowd." As a result, they are planning a bigger show next year. "We would like to visit the United States this fall to talk with some Native-American dance groups about performing next year," said Rondine.

The Western Village opens nightly at 8:30 p.m. and continues through August 22. General admission tickets for the Western Village may be purchased at the gate or from ITT at a discounted price. Free tickets are available for single sailors at Take-5.



A horse and cowboy strut their stuff at the Western Village in Catania.



Left: A live country band, The Appaloosas, perform the latest country hits while a troupe of line dancers, 'The Achy Breaky Line Dance Team', perform.

Left bottom: Visitors to the restaurant at the Western Village can sample Tex-Mex food and more.

Bottom: A professional rodeo performer from the French American Rodeo Company stands up on two horses to dazzle the crowds.





Top: Women dressed in western style clothing dance the night away as the music is played.



Right: A Mariachi band plays music to the delight of the crowd.



Top: A mechanical bull always draws a crowd of onlookers to watch the amateur 'cowboys' get flung through the air like lifeless ragdolls.



Left: Members of a gang of outlaws gun it out with sheriffs in this reenactment of a shootout.



Cooking up fun with ITT

Story and photos by JO2 Allison Pittam
Staff Writer

It is easy to eat gelato and pizza in Sicily, an island well known for its creamy, many-flavored choices of the cold refreshing treat and for its tomato and cheese pies. But, making gelato and pizza from scratch sounds like too much work. For a group of youngsters and their parents, ITT replaced the work with fun on a recent cooking trip to the Trinita Farm in Mascalucia.

The outing began with a comfortable and brief ride on the ITT bus to a rural farm which produces citrus fruits, olives, olive oil, tomatoes, artichokes, wine and much more.

The owners, Salvatore and Marina Bonajuto opened their home to an excited group of youngsters and their parents who came to learn how to make gelato and pizza.

The adventure began inside the farm's kitchen, where the group gathered around a metal working table where rolling pins, cans of tomatoes, bags of flour and two large mixing bowls rested.

The farm's owner, Salvatore Bonajuto got the



As the dough is left to rise back in the farm's kitchen, little hands carefully pick garden-fresh basil to top their homemade pizza.



After all his hard work rolling pizza dough and picking fresh herbs, Khaleel Snook takes a well-deserved bite of the home-made cheese and tomato pie.

children's attention by introducing himself and gave a little background to the group. After the meal Bonajuto was positive about the experience. "[A] great lesson for the children, it was my sister-in-law's and my idea. You eat the pizza you prepare and the gelato you prepare," he explained.

As Salvatore began to discuss the cooking process he pointed to his four-year-old son, Antonio, saying, "Tell your children to look at Antonio, it is the way they can learn," adding that Antonio liked to work in the kitchen with his aunt and mother making pizza biscuits, plum cakes and other Italian dishes.

The adults were as anxious to participate as the children, and many of them had notebooks and pens to jot down the ingredients as the cooking demonstration began.

Anna Maria Esimili, Salvatore's sister-in-law,

began to make the gelato using a liter of heavy cream and a 750-litre jar of Nutella, a hazelnut and chocolate spread. With the children gathered around the metal counter space in the kitchen, eyes wide with anticipation, Anna Maria whipped the cream into tall, snowy white peaks and added to it the Nutella. Using a hands-on approach, she took the bowl to each of the youngsters, giving them an opportunity to mix the ingredients. The hand-made gelato smelled delicious and the children's self-control was tested. When her turn came, six-year-old Adalee Koshiol managed to restrain herself, saying, "I didn't taste it. I wanted to taste the batter. It was very solid when I mixed it," she said.

Then the gelato was spooned into a metal loaf pan and placed in the freezer, where it would remain for at least one hour. Briefly, Salvatore explained

that the cream and Nutella concoction was called "semi-fretto" because it was made by hand rather than machine. The bowl, with the scrapings of the creamy Nutella mixture, was brought around for each of the youngsters. Following the lesson in rich dessert making came a demonstration of creating pizza dough from scratch. Bags of flour were opened and dumped into the second mixing bowl with salt, sugar, yeast and water. Careful mixing followed, turning the pasty-looking ingredients into thick dough. Before the dough could be turned into a pizza pie, the yeast needed a chance to take effect, so each child was given a napkin to place atop the ball of dough and directed outside.

The group of youngsters and their parents followed Salvatore out to the garden, located just steps from the main house, to pick fresh basil and oregano for the pizza. Unlike grocery-store



Garrett Neerhof pays careful attention to Anna-Maria, who is demonstrating how to flatten the pizza dough while Kahaleel Snook keeps his eyes focused the floury mixture in front of him.

produce treated to stay unspoiled, the fresh herbs were especially pungent. "It smells very, very strong," said Adalee Koshiol, returning from the garden with a handful of freshly picked basil.

As children and parents returned to the kitchen with just-picked toppings for the pizza, Anna-Maria directed them to put flour onto a rolling pin and showed them how to coax the balls into pizza pies. With a look of intense concentration on his face, C. J. Koshiol, who mashed, rolled and worked the dough, said, "It's very squishy," as he flattened it into the desired shape.

Now the pies were ready to be spread with the fresh tomatoes that Anna-Maria had been cutting up while the group was in the garden. Large chunks of mozzarella cheese were placed into a large bowl with two blades inside and a handle on the outside. As Anna-Maria turned the handle, chunks of the cheese turned into grated piles of mozzarella, which was then sprinkled atop the tomato sauce, followed by freshly picked basil and oregano.

As the finished pies were placed in the oven to cook, wonderful aromas of melted cheese and cooked dough began to fill the kitchen. Salvatore then led the group out to an enclosed patio with tables, chairs and place settings for the young chefs to sit and sample their masterpieces.

Finally the pizza and gelato arrived and were brought around in giant platters for the hungry throng of new chefs. This was a chance for parents to sample the Italian delicacies at will. Said parent Monica Snook; "I've been taking my kids on tours to actually get the hands-on[experience]. It was great that they learned how to do this."

If you would like to take your children to the Trinita farm to learn to cook simple, Italian dishes, the next ITT Trip will be Sept. 11, when Salvatore and his sister-in law Maria will make Arancini, a rice ball filled with meat sauce and Biscotti, which is an Italian cookie. To sign up for this upcoming trip, or general information call ITT at 624-4777.



Anna Maria spreads fresh tomato sauce on the home made pizza as Salvatore's son, Antonio and Adalee Koshiol observe her technique.



Mikayla Snook takes a break in the garden to enjoy the 'semi-freddo' or home-made gelato



Children start 'rolling in the dough' during the session on making pizza dough.



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something about one another on a personal level, which has been the key to CARAT's success," Little said.

Nearly 2,500 U.S. and Philippine Navy and Coast Guard personnel worked in tandem during a variety of symposia, diving operations, at-sea scenarios, and community relations projects during the eight-day exercise. Law enforcement personnel from U.S. Coast Guard cutter Mellon (WHEC 717) demonstrated their maritime law enforcement techniques during a maritime boarding event.

"That training demonstrates our maritime and militaries' commitment to not only sharing information and situational awareness, but also the common goal of securing international seas and channels of commerce," Little said.

The dock landing ship USS Fort McHenry (LSD 43) invited PN Sailors and officers aboard to observe and participate in amphibious evolutions and to participate in landing craft, air cushion (LCAC) operations with Assault Craft Unit (ACU) 5 Det. Western Pacific, which is assigned to the ship. Fort McHenry also hosted members of the Philippine Naval Special Warfare Group (SWAG) 91 for an in-port maritime boarding event with U.S. Navy SEALs (Sea, Air, Land).

Near Manila, the rescue and salvage ship USS Salvor (ARS 52) conducted dive training and salvage operations with RPN divers.

In the surrounding communities, medical, dental and veterinary personnel set up clinics at local schools, to provide inoculations and preventative health care to local residents and farmers during a civic action project.

Twenty U.S. Navy Seabees and 17 of their PN counterparts worked together to build a two-classroom expansion at an elementary school. The engineering civic action, or ENCAP, project began July 6 and ended with the dedication ceremony Aug. 4.

Navy Seabees, volunteers from U.S. Navy ships and RPN construction teams restored the roof of a high school classroom damaged in 1991 by volcanic ash, and replaced 30 blackboards at an elementary school.

"A hallmark throughout CARAT Philippines 2004 has also been what crews from U.S. and Philippine armed forces do together on behalf of the communities that graciously host them," Little said.

The local community also had the opportunity to get up close and personal with Sailors during shipboard tours. Hundreds of family members schoolchildren, grandparents, government officials and the press toured the decks of the U.S. Navy warships and the U.S. Coast Guard cutter.

"Many left with an appreciation and better understanding of not only U.S. naval assets, but also the skill and diversity of the crews that run and operate our ships," Little said.

While CARAT Philippines 2004 will be remembered for achieving many combined technical, tactical and operational goals, it could not have happened without the diverse backgrounds of the U.S. Navy and PN Sailors and officers personally involved in the exercise, Little said.

"The goals we achieved could not have happened without the personal and professional interaction, and respect between our armed forces," Little said. "The friendships made today have laid the groundwork for, and will certainly benefit, future generations of Sailors, officers, Coast Guardsmen and leaders."

The embarked U.S. CARAT Task Group, under the leadership of Little, was based aboard Fort McHenry with additional members aboard McCampbell. Little and his staff are based in San Diego, as is McCampbell. Mellon is homeported in Seattle. Russell and Salvor are homeported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Fort McHenry is part of the U.S. 7th Fleet's forward deployed naval force (FONF) operating from Sasebo, Japan. Other elements, including a P-3C Orion assigned to Patrol Squadron (VP) 46, based at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Wash., and an SH-60B Seahawk helicopter from Helicopter Anti-submarine Squadron Light 49 (HSL 49), based at Naval Air Station North Island, Calif. The Seabees are assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 3. Approximately 1,400 U.S. personnel took part in CARAT Philippines, along with a P-3C Orion and an SH-50 Seahawk aircraft.

Nearly 1,200 Philippine Navy and Coast Guard personnel, along with the five Philippine Navy ships and two aircraft are participating. The ships include BRP Artemio Ricarte (PS 37), BRP General Mariano Alvarez (PS 38), BRP Lanao del Norte (LC 504), BRP Hilario Ruiz (PG 378) and BRP Alberto Navarrete (PG 394).

For more on CARAT, visit www.clwp.navy.mil/carat2004.



Members of the Patrol Squadron Sixteen (VP-16) Crew 8 take in a spectacular view while on detachment in Souda Bay, Crete.

War Eagles spend time in Souda Bay

Courtesy VP-16 Public Affairs

The "War Eagles" of Patrol Squadron Sixteen (VP-16) have taken flight out of Naval Air Station Sigonella to operate in the Eastern Mediterranean in support of Joint NATO operations. The War Eagles of Jacksonville, Fla., are also joined in Souda Bay by the "Flying Tigers" of Patrol Squadron Eight (VP-8) from Brunswick, Maine. Both squadrons are prepared to perform a variety of missions assigned to them in support of the Global War on Terror.

To many people, the Eastern Mediterranean is regarded as a vacation spot and a blue water paradise, but to these fine men and women this is a time to get down to business and utilize their training. While in Crete, the crews of VP-16 and VP-8 are experiencing the challenge of operating directly with many NATO Allies. Operations focus on their unique ability to rapidly identify and provide information to ship-based units throughout the Eastern Mediterranean. Challenged by complicated multi-national operations, communications issues and long mission hours, their days are demanding, but they can also look forward to experiencing another culture firsthand.

On the occasional days when the crews are not working, they take advantage of the history and beauty that Crete has to offer. Climbing mountains, spelunking caves, visiting monasteries and shopping at local markets are just a few of the activities these hard working Sailors partake in during their free time. From conducting joint operations with NATO ships and aircraft to hiking down 5,000-foot cliffs, one thing is certain: the War Eagles detached to Souda Bay are prepared and ready to conquer any challenge they face.

Photo by JC2 Steve Weaver

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officer in charge. "Once we have these new C2 systems operational, then our reliance on the legacy systems on the trucks goes away."

"We're in transformation with the rest of the theater," Troyanos said. "We're transforming our capability into a capability that's much more powerful. A C2 capability that is more aligned with what the other services are doing and more aligned with the operational commanders need for information."

The unit uses Multi-Tactical Digital Information Links (TDLS) for their mission. Dimauro illustrated their use. "You have two ships or multiple ships out in the water or even C2 aircraft along with the ships. Each unit has its own radar basically," Dimauro said, "but with that radar you see what you see and I see what I see. If we're too far away we don't see each other. TDLS helps broadcast what you see to me and vice versa. It broadens out your reach."

"We take this communications gear, these

information exchange sharing systems, and we bring them within the RF (Radio Frequency) spectrum," Troyanos said. "Because if you take the curvature of the earth, and you're not within line of sight with each other, you may not be able to communicate. If we can take this capability and deploy it to the center of the RF, then we can communicate and more importantly share tactical data."

"The big thing in war fighting now is data," said YNC (AW) Tony Walls, DET 4 Senior Enlisted Advisor. "We don't know what's where or who's seeing what or who can shoot at what. What we do is we take information from our source and forward it to somewhere else. We try to exchange data to help the guys who are actually shooting know where the bad guys are."

"First and foremost our customers are the shooters," Troyanos said. "The strike fighters, the AEGIS cruisers, the Aegis missile batteries and the units predominantly in air defense mission role...the units that are going to put missiles on target. Our objective is to keep the information sharing as close to real-time as possible so the data we're passing along and around the theater stays relevant to the war fighter."

Two new pieces of equipment, a Joint Range Extender (JRE) and an Air Defense Systems Integrator (ADSI) will help NCTSI DET 4 in their new mission. The unit uses sophisticated TDLS such as NATO Link 1, Link 11, Satellite Link, Serial Link, Internet Protocol based Link, and Link 16. Most of these Links are high-speed computer-to-computer digital radio communications in the high frequency (HF) and ultra-high frequency (UHF) bands among ships, aircraft, and shore sites. Link 16 is DoD's primary tactical data link for command, control and intelligence and provides critical joint interoperability and situation awareness of tactical information.

Their systems will be put to the test in an upcoming exercise called Destined Glory 2004, which is NATO's annual amphibious, maritime and power projection exercise.



NCTSI DET 4 is switching from the Mobile Universal Link Translator System (MULTS), which is an all-in-one Legacy command and control (C2) system aboard large humvee vehicles such as these, to individual systems carried in hardened travel boxes. DET 4's new capabilities are called the Joint Interface Control Cell, Deployable (JICC-D).

"Our main mission will be managing the whole surveillance picture [for the exercise]," said OS1 Rob Ortwein. "It sounds a lot easier than it is."

"We're going to be a big part of that exercise as far as who is where and what's going on," Walls said. "There's a lot of players...it's a fairly large NATO exercise."

"We're really the only capability right now in Europe capable of integrating all forces C2 surveillance capabilities," Ortwein said.

"We're the only unit that does this in the entire Navy," Dimauro said. "Every other NCTSI unit is a testing and certification unit. We're an actual operational unit." The unit's motto is "When You Absolutely Have To Link."

NCTSI is headquartered in San Diego. DET 4 works for the Theater Maritime Fusion Center (TMFC) in Naples, Italy, where a comprehensive maritime theater picture of the U.S. 6th Fleet Area of Operations is provided to joint tacticians at the U.S. European Command and operators at combatant command centers.



OS1 Rob Ortwein operates an Air Defense System Integrator (ADSI) at NCTSI DET 4 and a Joint Range Extender (JRE).



Why ask for a high-risk-training safety survey?

By CW04 Tom Deatherage, High Risk Training Department, Naval Safety Center

A lot of commands do high-risk training, but their staffs usually wonder, "Why would we ever ask for a safety survey on my high-risk-training courses when we are already getting enough inspections?"

For one thing, they aren't inspections, they are surveys and the final report stays within the command. We never send the reports up a chain of command. These surveys give you an outside set of eyes to see if all of the instructions you are required to follow are incorporated and being adhered to, if the curriculum is correct and if your facility is safe for teaching students. We can help you prepare for an inspection by your upper chain of command.

We conduct training-safety surveys of any formal course designated as "high" or "moderate risk," including firefighting courses in the surface, sub-surface and aviation communities; damage control; crash and salvage; rappelling; parachuting; mountain survival; HRST; live combat fire training; diving; rescue swimmer; recruit training; RECON; RAID; and Spec Ops.

Here's what happens when we contact your command. The phone rings and the voice on the other end says, "This is the High Risk Training Department of the Naval Safety Center and we would like to conduct a Safety Survey of your command."

The first step will be to ask for a date that the survey team could come to your command. In order for the survey team to give the command a good look, actual training must be on going at the time, preferably the highest risk portion of the course. The training-safety officer, the division officer and the course

supervisor should be present during the survey for any questions the team members may have. The survey team won't interfere with the conduct of the training. The POC from the Safety Center will contact you again about three months before the survey.

After scheduling a survey, some paperwork is necessary in order to finalize the plan. You'll have to send a request letter (on command letter head) to the Safety Center requesting the survey with the dates agreed upon. You can mail or fax the letter, and you can get a sample letter by contacting the High Risk Training Division through the feedback link on our web site (<http://safetycenter.navy.mil/ashore/feedback.htm>), then going to the high-risk training department. All you have to do is fill in the blanks. The Center will send you a confirmation letter, which will include a list of items the survey team would like you to gather for the administrative part of the survey. These items include:

- Latest High-Risk Course annual course reviews.
- Annual course-review-summary transmittal letters.
- Curricula CCA approval documentation.
- Course curriculum outlines.
- Evolution fgs, job sheets, evolution sheets, etc.

- A sampling of current student evaluations of the course and the instructor (student critiques).
- Student DOR summaries.
- Pre-mishap plans for all high-risk evolutions.

•Documentation of monthly review, quarterly walk-through, and annual exercise of pre-mishap plans.

•A representative percentage of service records and training folders of certified, high-risk course instructors.

•Core Formal Unique Instructor Training Programs.

•Formal Unique Instructor Training Program Site Augment plans.

•Documentation reflecting CCA approval of the Formal Unique Instructor Training programs.

•Copies of past quarterly summary reports submitted to the commanding officer on the status of training quality indicators.

•Documentation concerning the latest safety stand-down.

•Documentation reflecting training safety officer designation.

•Documentation reflecting training safety officer completion of specified training.

•Log of Navy injuries and occupational illnesses.

•Training-related trend analysis.

•High-risk course risk assessments.

•Training-related mishap records and reports.

•Safety stand-downs conducted during last three years.

Although the list may look daunting, the training safety officer maintains most of these items. This is a good time to review them and ensure that they are current and up to date. The lead-time before the survey should give you time to do this. Overall, the team is looking to see that instructions and instructor/course records are maintained and up to date, that there

is a clear path to instructor certification and that all NETC instruction requirements for high-risk training are met. Most discrepancies found usually concern the command's Curriculum Instruction Safety Officer (CISO). Some of these discrepancies concern instructor evaluations, formal course reviews and the process for making changes to curriculum. The CISO should review NAVEDTRA Instruction 135B to ensure they understand their responsibilities in the safety program.

While the safety officer or his assistant is preparing the administrative portion of the survey, other members of the command can ensure the course instructors are ready. The easiest way to do this is to go to the Ashore section of the Safety Center website, going to the High Risk Training Department, and download a copy of the checklist that pertains to the course (here's the link: <http://safetycenter.navy.mil/ashore/checklists>). This list will give you an advance look at what the survey team will examine during your survey. Ensure that all emergency devices such as first-aid kits, fire extinguishers, emergency oxygen, electrical-isolation devices, emergency communications and other equipment are working, as these things will also be looked at during the survey. The safety officer should brief command personnel that the survey team will be in the area during the survey. The survey team will require a room or space to work in as they review records and instructions and deliberate.

Above all, remember: We want you to succeed.

Trivia Answers

- 1) Little Shortcake Fingers
- 2) 100
- 3) Jiffy
- 4) There are 31,557,600 seconds in a year
- 5) Topolino



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1999 Jeep Wrangler, equipped for off-roading, 63,000 miles, Excellent condition. Includes hard and soft tops, A/C, and numerous modifications. Serious inquiries only. 335-8442678 or 339-4365896.

2001 VW Jetta GLS V6, 49,500 miles, leather/heated seats, CD player, sun-roof and more, \$14,000. Call 339-436-5896 or 335-844-2678.

1992 Isuzu Rodeo, 5-speed manual transmission, one owner, runs great, excellent condition. Asking \$2500 O.B.O. Call Nick @ X6583 or Home 095-7256797, cell 348-0630500 or e-mail Rev_STNichols@yahoo.com

1993 FIAT 500, 4 Speed manual transmission, excellent condition, new tires, new carbtorator, very reliable, great on gas, great for shopping in Catania, asking \$1500.00 O.B.O. Call Nick @ X6583, home 095-7256797, cell 348-0630500, e-mail Rev_STNichols@yahoo.com

1990 Audi 80 1800 cc, power locks, power windows, power steering, sunroof, FM cassette stereo. Electronic alarm, new tires, new muffler, recently tuned up, passed safety inspection. Asking Euro 1500.00 Call Saro at 624-6893(work) 095-7793664(home) 347-7529584(cell).

1998 Ducati Monster 900, U.S. Specs, K&N air filter, K&N stage 2 jets, Arrow pipes, Corbin seat. Recently serviced at dealership. \$6000/OBO. Call Ron at 340-9368022 or email rzwenga@hotmail.com

1998 Volkswagen Golf, 4 door, dual airbag, diesel, 65,000 miles, great condition, \$2500 O.B.O. Call after 5PM 335-578-8150 or 624-1229-4636.

1988 Lancia Delta Turbo ie1600cc 140hp. A/C, 4 door, great alarm system, new tires, A/C, central locks, power windows, aluminum rims, Kenwood stereo. Can be seen at NAS 2 calab parking lot. Asking \$1800. Call mike 340-



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Pets

Adorable 3 month old kitty needs a loving home. White/black spots on back. Healthy and spunky survivor found outside our gate. Too much chaos at home to keep her. If you have room in your home & heart call April/Miha 953-727-7482 or 624-4840.

Free to a good home. 4 baby wild birds small maybe sparrows). They need to be hand fed about every 2 hours. 3 are almost full grown, walk and almost flying. The other is younger and not walking yet. I found them inside an aircraft and had to take them out. I work so it is very hard for me to take care of them. Contact Aiviel Maimone 953-09570.339-3583989 or X5086.

Free to good home! Black 2 year old mixed dog. You receive all vet records and travel carrier. Must give away due to newborn being allergic to the dog. Call Scott @ 624-6356.

For Sale

PCSing must sell! Iron glass table w/ 4 chairs and matching bakers rack that has a wood top \$225.00 O.B.O "excellent condition". Cockpit style corner computer desk \$40.00 O.B.O "excellent condition". Pictures available by e-mail. Please call 624-1230.

TV For Sale! 65 inch big screen, \$2000. Less than 4 months old. Paid \$2500 at the NEX. TV is currently in Mineo. Call 624-0193.

Oak table; 42" square; solid wood - \$30.00. Canon BJC-250 Color Bubble Jet Printer w/ software, user manual and extras, in original box - \$20.00. Kodak KE60 Easy Load 35mm camera with flash, very gently used complete with all paperwork/manuals, less than 2 years old - \$10.00. All items in very good, working condition. Call ext 4103.

Beautiful plants for sale: various sizes including aloes, jades, succulents and an 8-ft. cactus. Call Donna at 338-273-5683 in Motta.

Craftsman Ltd Edition Tablesaw with stand. 10" blade, 2.7hp, \$150. Craftsman 9 amp Router, single speed, 25K rpm, \$60. Craftsman 8pc carbide-tipped router bit set, with case, \$50. All items never been used, still in original boxes. Pine dining room table with 6 chairs, good condition, \$115. Call Adrian at 335-167-6105, evenings only for more info.

Textbooks for sale. Biology101-Basic concepts 5th edition \$5.00, English101-From idea to Essay \$5.00, IFSM201-Understanding computers 40.00, and Psychology 100 30.00. The soft covers are bent from wear and tear, but the books have been used one semester and are half the cost of them new. I have checked and they are being used by Maryland for the current semester. I will sell the bundle for 120.00. Call Tiffany @ 624-0343. Leave a message and I will return your call.

Computer: ATX Power Supplies \$20, CD-ROMs \$10,

Floppy Drives \$5, CD-/CD-RW(24x10x40) \$40, Ghost Recon Gold Edition Game \$20, DVD+R 25Pack \$40. Baby: Dual Bottle Warmer-Cooler-110V \$20, Express Bottle & Food Warmer-110V \$20. Other: Inag Most Wanted Playing Cards \$3 a pack; 220V-110V Surge Protector \$5. Call Tim at 624-3634 or email comital@ncts.sicily.navy.mil

Entertainment Center, 2yrs old, Maple color, holds 38-40 inch TV, CD racks, lights, and glass doors. From Rooms-To-Go. Must see. Moving Soon. \$600. Call 624-1248.

Nokia 3310 cell phone with all the attachments \$100.00; Ericson T-20 cell phone, \$80.00; King sized waterbed bedroom set, dresser/hutch, high chest, 2 nightstands \$800.00; small (6cu ft) freezer,110vac, \$50.00; Logitech GT Force Gran Turismo 3 steering wheel, new, \$75.00; 335-830-3724

For Sale Sky satellite decoder - \$350.00 12" round above ground pool / w pump and filter. - \$150.00 Multiple Transformers - \$45.00 Ea Italian Refrigerator \$150.00 Italian Dishwasher \$150.00 Call Andy 3333850352 or 095-791-0169 or ext 6654

Wall unit, 2yrs old, Maple color, holds 38-40 inch TV, CD racks, lights, and glass doors. From Rooms-To-Go. Must see. Moving Soon. \$600. Call 624-1248.

Mens BDUs, new and used. Aize medium. Half price off new, \$10 used. Also Air Force Blues and stripes. Info: Russell Beasley, USAF, Cell: 335-831-4765. Home: 0923-719-552. 2nd Cell: 338-684-2351

15 speed Schwinn 'Montegue', bike folds around seat post. Shimano brand derailleurs, odometer, halogen headlamp, mini air pump, waterbottle rack, side view mirror. Paid \$400. Must sell! Make offer. CDR K. 624-9231/9251 or, 340-783-4278.

Couch with queen size hide-a-bed selling for \$200 and recliner selling for \$50. Both are 5 years old but in excellent condition. Call 624-1277.

220v compact transformers (200 and 500w) \$20-30. Two 9x11 gray area rugs fair condition, \$30 for both. IKEA white and wood wardrobe \$30, IKEA white 3 drawer dresser \$30. 220v toaster oven \$5. 220v eight inch nightlamps \$5 for two. Swivel high back computer chair \$30. Tall shoe cabinet with shelves and drawer \$20. Various 220v extensions and multi plug units \$3-5. Baby swing \$10. Excellent condition baby walker \$20. Good condition exersaucer \$20. Available after August 22nd. Contact 095-798-7005 or 333-856-5070, photos available via e-mail.

PCS Sale!! Cell Phone, 220V Iron, Entertainment Center, Charcoal Grill, Transformers, Extension cords, picnic table, etc. Call Scott x0697.

PCS Sale—Oval Italian wooden pedestal table w/ leaf and 4 newly upholstered chairs in beige and coral stripe includes 2 sets of chair covers and table runner. Metal patio table w/ 4 rocker chairs, matching glider, also Italian octagonal plastic set /8 chairs all for \$125. Call 095- 802305.

PSC SALE—Weber charcoal grill never used w/ wood side table still in box also included large bag of charcoal and lighter fluid \$60. Graco portable playpen \$25. Twin bed w/ springs,

mattress, frame, reversible cover (blue and pink), sham, mattress pad and 2 blue rugs \$65. Call 095-802305.

PCS Sale—2 white cabinets 33"x 29 1/2" both for \$25; 6 metal balcony plant holders \$5; 2 new light fixtures \$10 each; Penney's full bedspread cream background w/ rose and green floral \$10. Call 095-802305.

PCS SALE (2) 3 arm Italian towel holders chrome or white \$10 for both; 5 black metal barstools \$60; 3 spring rods up to 72" \$6. CALL 095-802305.

Toshiba Palm Pilot(color)/w/case,64mb memory stick and all Software \$100; 12x9 cream color rug-available Sept 1; Graco Pack & Play \$50; Canon Scanner \$25; Bread maker, only used once \$50; Little Tykes Play House \$100; Mr. Coffee Coffeemaker \$10; Vacuum cleaner \$20; Electric Grill-inside use \$15; Complete set of dinnerware-8 pc. place set \$35; Misc. Cookbooks \$3 each; Little girls Kitchen \$20; Powered little boys motorcycle \$15; Cell Phones available Sept 30—two Motorola phones w/chips \$50 each; Big Wheel bike \$10; Girls bike w/training wheels \$10; Girl's Princess scooter \$10; Camcorder(uses 8mm tapes)\$50. Please call 624-0365 after 6pm or call 624-4205 ask for Mrs. Williams between 0700-1600.

Children items for sale: small doll house \$10, toddler 3pc. press & learn activity center (age 1 & up)\$10, playstation center (plastic) \$5, water slip and slide \$4. All in great condition. Call Stephanie at: 624-0225 evenings or 624-2316 day.

Twin size day bed \$30 (like new). Glass Dining table \$30. Call Annette x5740/0684.

PCSing soon and the following items are available. Two multicolor rugs (one is primarily burgundy and the other is primarily brown/black) Both in Great condition. Non smoking & no pet home. Available to view now, available 27 August 04; Motorola cell phone with chip \$40; Sony cell phone w/chip \$60. Sony phone available now. Motorola phone available 02 Sept 04; 12x9 rug, neutral color bought at the NEX Jan 04, paid \$160. Selling for \$100. Condition is great Available August 23. If interested, please call 624-1512 or cell #333-167-6113 after 6pm.

Medium and small pet carriers for sale, call Irene @ x2349.

Computer: Black & Grey, 1.8 Ghz P4 CPU, 256 MB Ram, 20 Gig HD, 1.44 MB FD, CD/RW, DVD-ROM, 15" Monitor, Keyboard/Mouse/Speakers. \$600, possible

Trade for Living Room and/or Bedroom Furniture. Contact David at Phillpsd@Ncts.Sicily.Navy.Mil.

Scuba Equipment: Dacor "Falcon" XL BC, back inflated, weight integrated, \$400. "Eagle" Regulator w/2nd stage, includes 3 gauge metric console(depth, pressure, and compass) \$250. Contact David at Phillpsd@Ncts.Sicily.Navy.Mil.

For sale: body parts for old Mini. Call 338-76950.

Wanted

We are looking for a fulltime, live in, Nanny/Housekeeper to stay with us in Marsala and help care for our 1 1/2 year old boy

and soon to be girl. Good salary room/board and paid vacation. Please call Mac 338-652-3780.

Yard Sale

Yard sale August 14 and 15 from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at 303 A 205 housing. Baby clothes, swing, walker, etc. Maternity clothes, teen clothes, knickknacks, wall scones, dining set, TV, guitar and much more!

Jobs

The US Naval Hospital, Sigonella, is soliciting for one full time personalized service contract for an ambulatory care registered nurse.

Closing date 13 Aug 04. Sources must be eligible for US employment and US board certified. Solicitation packages are available at the supplydepartment, purchasing office, NAS II. Call Mr. Barbagallo at 624-5725 and Nellie Barone at 624-3791.

A position is available at Branch Dental Clinic Sigonella for contract full-time Dental Assistant. Applicants must be U.S. Citizen, sponsored by Active Duty member and Qualified Dental Assistant. For additional information Call DTC H. Pinkas @ DSN 624-4205, Or Comm. 095-56-4205. Opened until filled.

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Recreation Aid, GS-189-03, MWR Department, Recreation Services Division, Youth Activities Branch, Various Locations, NAS Sigonella. Announcement number SIG04-RECAID. Open Continuous.

Supervisory Recreation Specialist, GS-0188-07, MWR Department, Recreation Division, Sports and Athletics Branch, NAS Sigonella. Announcement number SIG04-028531 (RR). Open Until Filled.

Theater Manager, GS-1101-07, MWR Department, Recreation Division, Theater, NAS Sigonella. Announcement number SIG04-031349 (R). Open Until Filled.

Lead Recreation Assistant GS-0189-04/05, MWR Department, Community Activities Branch, Take 5 Recreation Center, NAS Sigonella. Announcement number SIG04-032228. Closes 31 August 2004.

Water Treatment Plant Operator, UC-5409-07, Public Works Department, Operations Division, Utilities Branch, Water Treatment Plant Section, NAS Sigonella. Announcement Number LN004-027784. Open Until Filled. Italian citizens only.

Dental Hygienist, UA-0682-05/0403, U.S. Naval Dental Center Europe, Branch Dental Clinic Sigonella. Announcement number LN004-031300. Open Until Filled. Italian citizens only.

